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(57) Described is a stress protein named ORP150, polynucleotides encoding said protein as well as antibodies against the ORP150 protein. Furthermore, pharmaceutical compositions comprising these proteins, polynucleotides or antibodies are described and their use for the treatment of ischemic diseases.

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Description

The present invention relates to an oxygen-regulated protein 150 (ORP150). Specifically, the invention relates to the amino acid sequence of such ORP150 polypeptides, polynucleotides encoding ORP150 polypeptides, promoters of ORP150 genes and antibodies specific to ORP150 polypeptides.

Since the expression of a 70 kDa heat shock protein (HPS70) in cerebral ischemic lesions was reported for the first time, various stress proteins, represented by HSP70, have been reported to be expressed in myocardial ischemic and atherosclerotic lesions, as well as cerebral ischemic lesions. The fact that the induction of HSP, a mechanism of defence against heat stress, is seen in ischemic lesions, suggests that the stress response of the body to ischemic hypoxia is an active phenomenon involving protein neogenesis. Regarding cultured cells, stressful situations that cause ischemia in vivo, such as hypoglycemia and hypoxia, have been shown to induce a group of non-HSP stress proteins, such as glucose-regulated protein (GRP) and oxygen-regulated protein (ORP).

ORP is therefore expected to serve in the diagnosis and treatment of ischemic diseases.

Hori et al. have recently found that exposure of cultured rat astrocytes to hypoxic conditions induces 150, 94, 78, 33 and 28 kDa proteins [J. Neurochem., 66, 973-979(1996)]. These proteins, other than the 150 kDa protein, were identified as GRP94, GRP78, hemoxygenase 1 and HSP28, respectively, while the 150 kDa protein (rat ORP150) remains not to be identified. In addition, there has been no report of human ORP150 protein.

Accordingly, the technical problem underlying the present invention is to provide ORP150 proteins, namely those of human and rat origin, the amino acid sequences of these proteins as well as nucleotide sequences encoding these proteins, the promoter regions of the corresponding genes and antibodies against ORP150 proteins or fragments thereof which are useful in the diagnosis and treatment of ischemic diseases.

This technical problem has been solved by the provision of the embodiments characterized in the claims.

Thus, in a first aspect, the present invention relates to a polynucleotide encoding an ORP150 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polynucleotides encoding the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence as depicted in SEQ ID NO:1 or a fragment of the polypeptide;

(b) polynucleotides comprising the coding region of the nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment thereof;

(c) polynucleotides encoding the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence as depicted in SEQ ID NO:3 or a fragment of the polypeptide;

(d) polynucleotides comprising the coding region of the nucleotide sequence as depicted in SEQ ID NO:4 or a fragment thereof;

(e) polynucleotides encoding an ORP150 polypeptide which differs from the polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide of (a) or (c) due to deletion(s), addition(s), insertion(s) and/or substitutions (s) of one or more amino acid residues; and

(f) polynucleotides the complementary strand of which hybridizes to a polynucleotide of any one of (a) to (e) and which encode an ORP150 polypeptide;

and the complementary strand of such a polynucleotide.

In still another embodiment, the present invention relates to a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing to the above polynucleotide or a fragment thereof and having promoter activity.

In still another embodiment, the present invention relates to a recombinant DNA, e.g. vectors, which contains a nucleotide sequence of the present invention.

In still another embodiment, the present invention relates to an expression vector which contains the recombinant DNA of the present invention, to host cells transformed with polynucleotides or vectors of the invention and to a process for the production of an ORP150 protein by cultivating such host cells. In a further embodiment, the present invention relates to the polypeptides encoded by the polynucleotides of the invention.

In still another embodiment, the present invention relates to an antibody or fragment thereof which specifically binds to the polypeptide of the present invention, and to nucleic acid molecules which specifically hybridize to polynucleotides of the present invention.

In still another embodiment the present invention relates to pharmaceutical and diagnostic compositions comprising the above-described polynucleotides, polypeptides, antibodies and/or nucleic acid molecules.

Figure 1 indicates a schematic diagram of the exon-intron structure of the human ORP gene. Black squares represent the exons.

Figure 2 shows the results of the Northern blot analysis of ORP150 mRNA extracted from human astrocytoma U373 cells after exposure to various types of stress.

Figure 3 shows the results of the Northern blot analysis of ORP150 mRNA from adult human tissues.

One embodiment of a polynucleotide of the present invention is a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide compris-

ing the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:1 in the sequence listing, and constituting the human oxygen-regulated protein ORP150 which is obtainable by inducement under hypoxic conditions. Another embodiment of a polynucleotide of the present invention is a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO: 3 in the sequence listing, and constituting the rat oxygen-regulated protein ORP150 which is obtainable by inducement under hypoxic conditions. The polynucleotides of the present invention also include those which code for polypeptides each comprising a portion of the above-described polypeptides, and those encoding the entire or portion of the above-described polypeptides. It is a well-known fact that mutation occurs in nature; some of the amino acids of ORP150 protein may be replaced or deleted, and other amino acids may be added or inserted. Mutation can also be induced by gene engineering technology. It is therefore to be understood that substantially homologous polypeptides resulting from such mutations in one or more amino acid residues are also included in the scope of the present invention as long as they are obtainable by inducement under hypoxic conditions.

Further embodiments of a polynucleotide of the present invention are polynucleotides comprising the nucleotide sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:2 in the sequence listing, i.e., human ORP150 cDNA and polynucleotides comprising the nucleotide sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:4 in the sequence listing which represents rat ORP150 cDNA. Polynucleotides comprising a portion of these polynucleotides, and those containing the entire or portion of these polynucleotides are also included in the scope of the present invention. As stated above, the ORP150 gene may have some bases replaced, deleted, added or inserted by mutations, and the resulting polynucleotides with partially different nucleotide sequences are also included in the scope of the present invention, as long as they are substantially homologous and encode a polypeptide obtainable by inducement under hypoxic conditions.

The present invention also relates to a polynucleotide the complementary strand of which hybridizes to a polynucleotide as described above and which codes for an ORP150 polypeptide, this means for a polypeptide inducible under hypoxic conditions. "Hybridizing" in this regard means preferably hybridization under stringent conditions. The hybridizing polynucleotides have preferably a sequence identity of at least 50% most preferably of at least 70%, with the polynucleotides described above. The term "stringent conditions" means that hybridization will occur only if there is at least 95% and preferably at least 97% identity between the sequences.

The polynucleotides of the present invention may be RNA or DNA molecules. DNA molecules can, for example, be cDNA, genomic DNA, double or single stranded DNA, isolated from natural sources, produced in vitro or by chemical synthesis methods. The polynucleotides of the invention can code for an ORP150 polypeptide from any organism expressing such a polypeptide, preferably from eukaryots, for example, insects, vertebrates, preferably mammals and most preferably from human, rat, mouse, bovine, sheep, goat or pig.

Furthermore, the present invention also relates to recombinant nucleic acid molecules which comprise a polynucleotide according to the invention. Examples for such molecules are vectors, namely plasmids, cosmids, phagemids, recombinant phages, viruses etc.

In a preferred embodiment the polynucleotide according to the invention present in such a recombinant nucleic acid molecule is linked to regulatory elements which allow for expression in prokaryotic or eukaryotic host cells. Such regulatory elements are well known in the art and include promoters, transcriptional and translational enhancers and the like.

The term "recombinant DNA" as used herein is defined as any DNA containing a polynucleotide described above.

The term "expression vector" as used herein is defined as any vector containing the recombinant DNA of the present invention and expressing a desired protein by introduction into the appropriate host.

The term "clone" as used herein means not only a cell into which a polynucleotide of interest has been introduced but also the polynucleotide of interest itself.

The term "inducement under hypoxic conditions" used herein means an increase in protein synthesis upon exposing cells to an oxygen-depleted atmosphere.

The present invention furthermore relates to host cells transformed and genetically engineered with a polynucleotide according to the invention. These may be prokaryotic or eukaryotic ells. They may be homologous or heterologous with respect to the introduced polynucleotide. If they are homologous they can be distinguished from naturally occurring cells by the feature that they comprise in addition to a naturally occurring ORP150 gene, at least one further copy of an ORP150 coding region which is integrated into the genome in a position in which it does normally not occur. This can be confirmed, e.g., by Southern blotting. Suitable host cells include, for example, bacteria such as E. coli and Bacillus subtilis, yeast such as S. cerevisiae, vertebrate cells, insect cells, mammalian cells, e.g. rat, mouse or human cells.

Moreover, the present invention relates to a process for the production of an ORP150 polypeptide which comprises the steps of culturing the host according to the invention and recovering the produced polypeptide from the cells and/or the culture medium.

The present invention also relates to the polypeptides encoded by the polynucleotides according to the invention or obtainable by the above described process.

The amino acid sequences and nucleotide sequences of the present invention can, for example, be determined as follows: First, poly(A)$^+$ RNA is prepared from rat astrocytes exposed to hypoxic conditions. After cDNA is synthesized from said poly(A)$^+$RNA using random hexamer primers, a cDNA library is prepared using the pSPORT1 vector (pro-

duced by Life Technology), or the like.

Next, PCR is conducted using oligonucleotide primers synthesized on the basis of the nucleotide sequence of the pSPORT1 vector used to prepare the cDNA library above and the degenerate nucleotide sequences deduced from the N-terminal amino acid sequence of purified rat ORP150, to yield a large number of amplified DNA fragments. These DNA fragments are then inserted into the pT7 Blue vector (produced by Novagen), or the like, for cloning to obtain a clone having nucleotide sequence which perfectly encodes the N-terminal amino acid sequence. Purification of ORP150 can be achieved by commonly used methods of protein purification, such as column chromatography and electrophoresis, in combination as appropriate.

In addition, by screening the above-described rat astrocyte cDNA library by colony hybridization using the insert in above clone as a probe, a clone having an insert thought to encode rat ORP150 can be obtained. This clone is subjected to stepwise deletion from both the 5'- and 3'-ends, and oligonucleotide primers prepared from determined nucleotide sequences are used to determine the nucleotide sequence sequentially. If the clone thus obtained does not encode the full length of rat ORP150, an oligonucleotide probe is synthesized on the basis of the nucleotide sequence of the 5'- or 3'-region of the insert, followed by screening for a clone containing the nucleotide sequence extended further in the 5' or 3' direction, for example, the Gene Trapper cDNA Positive Selection System Kit (produced by Life Technology) based on hybridization using magnetic beads. The full-length cDNA of the rat ORP150 gene is thus obtained.

Separately, the following procedure is followed to obtain a human homologue of rat ORP150 cDNA. Poly(A)$^+$RNA is prepared from the human astrocytoma U373 exposed to hypoxic conditions. After cDNA is synthesized from said poly(A)$^+$RNA using random hexamer primers and an oligo(dT) primer, said cDNA is inserted into the EcoRI site of the pSPORT1 vector to prepare a cDNA library. Human ORP150 cDNA is then obtained using the Gene Trapper Kit and the nucleotide sequence is determined in the same manner as with rat ORP150 above.

The nucleotide sequence of human ORP150 cDNA is thus determined as that shown by SEQ ID NO:2 in the sequence listing, based on which the amino acid sequence of human ORP150 is determined.

Exposure of astrocytes to hypoxic conditions can, for example, be achieved by the method of Ogawa et al. [Ogawa, S., Gerlach, H., Esposito, C., Mucaulay, A.P., Brett, J., and Stern, D., J. Clin. Invest., 85, 1090-1098 (1990)].

Furthermore, the following procedure is followed to obtain human ORP150 genomic DNA. A genomic library purchased from Clontech (derived from human placenta, Cat. #HL1067J) is used. Screening is conducted by hybridization using a DNA fragment consisting of 202 bp of the 5' untranslated region and 369 bp of the coding region, derived from the rat cDNA clone, as well as a 1351 bp DNA fragment containing the termination codon, derived from the human cDNA, as probes. Two clones containing the ORP150 gene are isolated, one containing exons 1 through 24 and the other containing exons 16 through 26; the entire ORP150 gene is composed by combining these two clones. The nucleotide sequence of the 15851 bp human ORP150 genomic DNA is determined; its nucleotide sequence from the 5'-end to just before the translation initiation codon ATG in exon 2 is shown by SEQ ID NO:12 in the sequence listing.

As stated above, the present invention includes polypeptides containing the entire or portion of the polypeptide (human ORP150) having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:1 in the sequence listing. The present invention also includes the entire or portion of the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:1 in the sequence listing; for example, polynucleotides containing the entire or portion of the nucleotide sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:2 in the sequence listing are included in the scope of the present invention. The present invention also includes specific antibodies against these polypeptides of the present invention, and fragments thereof.

An antibody against a polypeptide of the present invention, which polypeptide contains the entire or portion of human or rat ORP150, can be prepared by a conventional method [Current Protocols in Immunology, Coligan, J.E. et al. eds., 2.4.1-2.4.7, John Wiley & Sons, New York (1991)]. Specifically, a rat ORP150 band, separated by, for example, SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, is cut out and given to a rabbit etc. for immunization, after which blood is collected from the immunized animal to obtain an antiserum. An IgG fraction can be obtained if necessary by affinity chromatography using immobilized protein A, or the like. A peptide identical to the partial amino acid sequence of ORP150 can be chemically synthesized as a multiple antigen peptide (MAP) [Tam, J.P., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 85, 5409-5413 (1988)], and can be used for immunization in the same manner as above.

It is also possible to prepare a monoclonal antibody by a conventional method [Cell & Tissue Culture; Laboratory Procedure (Doyle, A. et al., eds.) 25A:1-25C:4, John Wiley & Sons, New York (1994)] using a polypeptide containing the entire or portion of human or rat ORP150 as an antigen. Specifically, a hybridoma is prepared by fusing mouse splenocytes immunized with said antigen and a myeloma cell line, and the resulting hybridoma is cultured or intraperitoneally transplanted to the mouse to produce a monoclonal antibody.

The fragments resulting from protease digestion of these antibodies as purified can also be used as antibodies of the present invention.

The present invention also relates to nucleic acid molecules which specifically hybridize with a polynucleotide according to the invention or with the complementary strand of such a polynucleotide. "Specifically hybridizing" means that such molecules show no significant cross-hybridization to polynucleotides coding for proteins other than an ORP150 polypeptide. Preferably these nucleic acid molecules have a length of at least 15 nuclectides, more preferably of at least 30 nucleotides and most preferably of at least 50 nucleotides. In a preferred embodiment these molecules

have over their entire length a sequence identity to a corresponding region of a polynucleotide of the invention of at least 85%, preferably of at least 90% and most preferably of at least 95%. In a particularly preferred embodiment the sequence identity is at least 97%. These nucleic acid molecules can be used, for example, as hybridization probes for the isolation of related genes, as PCR primers, for the diagnosis of mutations of ORP150 genes, for the use in antisense molecules or ribozymes or the like.

The polynucleotides of the present invention, the polypeptides encoded by them, specific antibodies against these polypeptides or fragments thereof and the nucleic acid molecules specifically hybridizing to the above-mentioned polynucleotides are useful in the diagnosis and treatment of ischemic diseases, permitting utilization for the development of therapeutic drugs for ischemic diseases.

Thus, the present invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a polynucleotide, polypeptide, antibody and/or nucleic acid molecule according to the invention. Optionally, such a composition also comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The invention also relates to diagnostic composition comprising a polynucleotide, polypeptide, antibody and/or nucleic acid molecule according to the invention.

In another embodiment the present invention relates to a polynucleotide comprising or containing the entire or portion of the nucleotide sequence shown by SEQ ID NO:12 in the sequence listing. This is a polynucleotide containing the promoter region of the human ORP150 gene. Polynucleotides capable of hybridizing to this polynucleotide under conventional hybridizing conditions (e.g., in 0.1 x SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 65°C) and possessing promoter activity are also included in the scope of the present invention. Preferably, such a promoter is able to promote transcription in cells when exposed to hypoxia. Successful cloning of said promoter region would dramatically advance the functional analysis of the human ORP150 gene and facilitate its application to the treatment of ischemic diseases.

The term "promoter" as used herein is defined as a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence that activates or suppresses the transcription of a desired gene by being present upstream or downstream of said gene.

The following examples illustrate the present invention

Example 1

Cell culture and achievement of hypoxic condition

Rat primary astrocytes and microglia were obtained from neonatal rats by a modification of a previously described method [Maeda, Y., Matsumoto, M., Ohtsuki, T., Kuwabara, K., Ogawa, S., Hori, O., Shui, D.Y., Kinoshita, T., Kamada, T., and Stern, D., J. Exp. Med., 180, 2297-2308(1994)]. Briefly, cerebral hemispheres were harvested from neonatal Sprague-Dawley rats within 24 hours after birth, meninges were carefully removed, and brain tissue was digested at 37°C in minimal essential medium (MEM) with Joklik's modification (Gibco, Boston MA) containing Dispase II (3mg/ml; Boehringer-Mannheim, Germany). After centrifugation, the cell pellet was resuspended and grown in MEM supplemented with fetal calf serum (FCS; 10%; CellGrow, MA).

After 10 days, cytosine arabinofuranoside (10μg/ml; Wako Chemicals, Osaka, Japan) was added for 48 hours to prevent fibroblast overgrowth, and culture flasks were agitated on a shaking platform. Then, floating cells were aspirated (these were microglia), and the adherent cell population was identified by morphological criteria and immunohistochemical staining with anti-glial fibrillary acidic protein antibody. Cultures used for experiments were >98% astrocytes based on these techniques.

Human astrocytoma cell line U373 was obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) and cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (produced by Life Technology) supplemented with 10% FCS.

Cells were plated at a density of about 5 X 10^4 cells /cm^2 in the above medium. When cultures achieved confluence, they were exposed to hypoxia using an incubator attached to a hypoxia chamber which maintained a humidified atmosphere with low oxygen tension (Coy Laboratory Products, Ann Arbor MI) as described previously [Ogawa, S., Gerlach, H., Esposito, C., Macaulay, A.P., Brett, J., and Stern, D., J. Clin. Invest., 85, 1090-1098 (1990)].

Example 2

Purification and N-terminal sequencing of the rat 150 kDa polypeptide

Rat primary astrocytes (about 5 x 10^8 cells) exposed to hypoxia for 48 hours were harvested, cells were washed three times with PBS(pH 7.0) and protein was extracted with PBS containing NP-40 (1%), PMSF (1mM), and EDTA (5mM). Extracts were then filtered (0.45 μm nitrocellulose membrane), and either subjected to reduced SDS-PAGE (7.5%, about 25μg) or 2-3 mg of protein was diluted with 50 ml of PBS (pH 7.0) containing NP-40(0.05%) and EDTA (5mM), and applied to FPLC Mono Q(bed volume 5 ml, Pharmacia, Sweden).

The column was washed with 0.2M NaCl, eluted with an ascending salt gradient (0.2 to 1.8 M NaCl) and 10 μl of each fraction (0.5 ml) was applied to reduced SDS-PAGE (7.5%), along with molecular weight markers (Biorad). Pro-

teins in the gel were visualized by silver staining. Fractions eluted from FPLC Mono Q which contained the 150 kDa polypeptide (#7-8) were pooled and concentrated by ultrafiltration (Amicon) 50-fold and about 200 μg of protein was applied to preparative, reduced SDS-PAGE (7.5%). Following electrophoresis, proteins in the gel were transferred electrophoretically ($2A/cm^2$) to polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) paper (Millipore, Tokyo), the paper was dried, stained with Coomassie Brilliant blue, and the band corresponding to 150 kDa protein (OPR150) was cut out for N-terminal sequencing using an automated peptide sequencing system (Applied Biosystems, Perkin-Elmer). The N-terminal 31-amino acid sequence was thus determined (SEQ ID NO:5).

Example 3

Preparation of rat astrocyte cDNA library

Total RNA was prepared from rat primary astrocytes (1.1×10^8 cells), in which ORP150 had been induced under hypoxic conditions, by the acid guanidinium-phenol-chloroform method [Chomczynski, P. and Sacchi, N., Anal. Biochem., 162, 156-159 (1987)]. Using 300 μg of the total RNA obtained, purification was conducted twice in accordance with the protocol for poly(A)$^+$ RNA purification using oligo(dT)-magnetic beads (produced by Perceptive Diagnostics), to yield poly(A)$^+$ RNA. Double-stranded cDNA was then synthesized using random hexamer primers, in accordance with the protocol for the Superscript Choice System (produced by Life Technology), and inserted into the EcoRI site of the pSPORT1 vector to prepare a cDNA library consisting of 5.4×10^5 independent clones.

Example 4

Cloning of rat ORP150 cDNA

Rat ORP150 cDNA was cloned as follows: First, to obtain a probe for colony hybridization, the cDNA library was subjected to PCR using a 20-base primer, 5'-AATACGACTCACTATAGGGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:6), which corresponds to the antisense strand of the T7 promoter region in the pSPORT1 vector, and 20 base mixed primers, 5'-AARCCiGGiGTNCCNATGGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:8), which contains inosine residues and degenerate polynucleotides and which was prepared on the basis of the oligonucleotide sequence deduced from a partial sequence (KPGVPME) (SEQ ID NO:7) within the N-terminal amino acid sequence (LAVMSVDLGSESMKVAIVKPGVPMEIVLNKE) (SEQ ID NO:5); the resulting PCR product with a length of about 480 bp was inserted into the pT7 Blue Plasmid vector. Nucleotide sequences of the clones containing an insert of the expected size (480 bp) corresponding to the PCR product were determined using an automatic nucleotide sequencer (produced by Perkin-Elmer, Applied Biosystems). A clone containing a 39-nucleotide sequence encoding a peptide identical to the rat ORP150-specific amino acid sequence KPGVPMEIVLNKE (SEQ ID NO:9) in the insert was thus obtained.

Using the above insert of the clone as a probe, RNA from cultured rat astrocytes were subjected to Northern blotting; the results demonstrated that mRNA with a length of about 4 Kb was induced by hypoxic treatment. Thereupon, the above insert of the clone was labeled by the random prime labeling method (Ready TOGO, produced by Pharmacia) using α-[^{32}P]dCTP to yield a probe. Using this probe, 1.2×10^4 clones of the cDNA library were screened by colony hybridization to obtain a clone containing a 2800 bp insert. The nucleotide sequence of this clone insert was determined by preparing deletion mutants using a kilosequence deletion kit (produced by Takara Shuzo).

Since this clone did not contain the 3'-region of the ORP150 coding sequence, the following two 20-base oligonucleotides were prepared on the basis of the specific nucleotide sequence near the 3' end of the above insert, to obtain the full-length sequence.

5'-GCACCCTTGAGGAAAATGCT-3' (SEQ ID NO:10)

5'-CCCAGAAGCCCAATGAGAAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:11)

Using the two oligonucleotides, a clone containing the entire coding region was selected from the rat astrocyte cDNA library in accordance with the protocol for the Gene Trapper cDNA Positive Selection System (produced by Life Technology), and its nucleotide sequence was determined.

The nucleotide sequence of rat ORP150 cDNA was thus determined as shown by SEQ ID NO:4 in the sequence listing. Based on this nucleotide sequence, the amino acid sequence of rat ORP150 was determined as shown by SEQ ID NO:3 in the sequence listing.

Example 5

Preparation of human U373 cDNA library

Poly(A)$^+$ RNA was purified from U373 cells (1×10^8 cells) in which human ORP150 had been induced under hypoxic conditions, in the same manner as described in Example 3. Double-stranded cDNA was then synthesized in

accordance with the protocol for the Superscript Choice System (produced by Life Technology) using a 1:1 mixture of random hexamer primers and an oligo(dT) primer. This cDNA was inserted into the EcoRI site of the pSPORT1 vector to prepare a cDNA library consisting of 2 x 10^5 independent clones.

Specifically, the library was prepared as follows: Human U373 cells, cultured in 10 plastic petri dishes (150 mm in diameter)(1 x 10^7 cells/dish), were subjected to hypoxic treatment for 48 hours by the method of Ogawa et al. [Ogawa, S., Gerlach, H., Esposito, C., Mucaulay, A.P., Brett, J., and Stern, D., J. Clin. Invest., 85, 1090-1098 (1990)] as described in Example 3, after which total RNA was prepared by the acid guanidinium-phenol-chloroform method [Chomczynski, P. and Sacchi, N., Anal. Biochem., 162, 156-159 (1987)]. Using 500 μg of the total RNA obtained, purification was conducted twice in accordance with the protocol for poly(A)$^+$ RNA purification using oligo(dT)-magnetic beads (produced by Perceptive Diagnostics), to yield poly(A)$^+$ RNA. Double-stranded cDNA was then synthesized using 5 μg of the poly(A)$^+$ RNA and a 1:1 mixture of random hexamer primers and an oligo(dT) primer, in accordance with the protocol for the Superscript Choice System (produced by Life Technology), and inserted into the EcoRI site of the pSPORT1 vector to prepare a human U373 cDNA library consisting of 2 x 10^5 independent clones.

Example 6

Cloning of human ORP150 cDNA

Using two primers (SEQ ID NO:10 and SEQ ID NO:11) prepared on the basis of the above-described rat ORP150 cDNA specific sequence, a clone containing the entire coding region was selected from the human U373 cDNA library in accordance with the protocol for the Gene Trapper cDNA Positive Selection System (produced by Life Technology), and its nucleotide sequence was determined. The nucleotide sequence of human ORP150 cDNA was thus determined as shown by SEQ ID NO:2 in the sequence listing.

Specifically, 2 x 10^4 clones of the human U373 cDNA library were amplified in accordance with the protocol for the Gene Trapper cDNA Positive Selection System (produced by Life Technology). Five micrograms of the plasmid purified from amplified clones were treated with the Gene II and Exo III nuclease included in the kit to yield single-stranded DNA. An oligonucleotide (SEQ ID NO:10) prepared on the basis of the above-described rat ORP150 cDNA-specific sequence was biotinylated and subsequently hybridized to the above single-stranded DNA at 37°C for 1 hour. The single-stranded DNA hybridized to the oligonucleotide derived from rat ORP150 cDNA was selectively recovered by using streptoavidin-magnetic beads, and was treated with the repair enzyme included in the kit using the oligonucleotide shown by SEQ ID NO:10 in the sequence listing as a primer, to yield double-stranded plasmid DNA.

The double-stranded plasmid DNA was then introduced to ElectroMax DH10B cells (produced by Life Technology) in accordance with the protocol for the Gene Trapper cDNA Positive Selection System, followed by colony PCR in accordance with the same protocol using two primers (SEQ ID NO:10 and SEQ ID NO:11) prepared on the basis of the rat ORP150 cDNA-specific sequence, to select clones that yield an about 550 bp PCR product. The nucleotide sequence of the longest insert among these clones, corresponding to the human ORP150 cDNA, was determined as shown by SEQ ID NO:2 in the sequence listing.

On the basis of this nucleotide sequence, the amino acid sequence of human ORP150 was determined as shown by SEQ ID NO:1 in the sequence listing.

The N-terminal amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 5) obtained with purified rat ORP150 corresponded to amino acids 33-63 deduced from both the human and rat cDNAs, indicating that the first 32 residues represent the signal peptides for secretion. The C-terminal KNDEL sequence, which resembles KDEL sequence, a signal to retain the ER-resident proteins [Pelham, H.R.B., Trends Biochem. Sci. 15, 483-486 (1990)], may function as an ER-retention signal. The existence of a signal peptide at the N-terminus and the ER-retention signal-like sequence at the C-terminus suggests that ORP150 resides in the ER, consistent with the results of immunocytochemical analysis reported by Kuwabara et al. [Kuwabara, K., Matsumoto, M., Ikeda, J., Hori, O., Ogawa, S., Maeda, Y., Kitagawa, K., Imuta, N., Kinoshita, T., Stern, D.M., Yanagi, H., and Kamada, T., J. Biol. Chem. 271, 5025-5032 (1996)].

Analysis of protein data bases with the BLAST program [Altschul, S.F., Gish, W., Miller, W., Myers, E.W., and Lipman, D.J., J. Mol., Biol. 215, 403-410(1990)] showed that the N-terminal half of ORP150 has a modest similarity to the ATPase domain of numerous HSP70 family sequences. An extensive analysis with pairwise alignments [Pearson, W.R., and Lipman, D.J., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85, 2444-2448(1988)] revealed that amino acids 33-426 of human ORP150 was 32% identical to amino acids 1-380 of both inducible human HSP70.1 [Hunt, C., and Morimoto, R.I., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82, 6455-6459 (1985)] and constitutive bovine HSC70 [DeLuca-Flaherty, C., and McKay, D.B., Nucleic Acids Res. 18, 5569(1990)], typical members of HSP70 family. An additional region similar to HSP70RY and hamster HSP110, which both belong to a new subfamily of large HSP70-like proteins [Lee-Yoon, D., Easton, D., Murawski, M., Burd, R., and Subjeck, J.R., J. Biol. Chem. 270, 15725-15733 (1995)], extended further to residue 487. A protein sequence motif search with PROSITE [Bairoch, A., and Bucher, P., Nucleic Acids Res. 22, 3583-3589(1994)] showed that ORP150 contains two of the three HSP70 protein family signatures: FYDMGSGSTVCTIV (amino acids 230-243, SEQ ID NO:1) and VILVGGATRVPRVQE (amino acids 380-394, SEQ ID NO:1) which completely matched

with the HSP70 signatures 2 and 3, respectively, and VDLG (amino acids 38-41, SEQ ID NO:1) which matched with the first four amino acids of the signature 1. Furthermore, the N-terminal region of ORP150 contained a putative ATP-binding site consisting of the regions (amino acids 36-53, 197-214, 229-243, 378-400, and 411-425, SEQ ID NO:1) corresponding to the five motifs specified by Bork et al. [Bork, P., Sander, C., and Valencia, A., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 89, 7290-7294 (1992)]. Although the C-terminal putative peptide-binding domains of HSP70 family are generally less conserved [Rippmann, F., Taylor, W.R., Rothbard, J.B., and Green, N.M., EMBO J. 10, 1053-1059 (1991)], the C-terminal region flanked by amino acids 701 and 898 (SEQ ID NO:1) shared appreciable similarity with HSP110 (amino acids 595-793; 29% identity).

Example 7

Cloning of human ORP150 genomic DNA

A human genomic library purchased from Clontech (derived from human placenta, Cat. #HL1067J, Lot #1221, 2.5 x 10^6 independent clones) was used. A DNA fragment consisting of 202 bp of the 5' untranslated region and 369 bp of the coding region derived from the rat cDNA clone, as well as a 1351 bp DNA fragment containing the termination codon, derived from the human cDNA, were used as probes for plaque hybridization.

Escherichia coli LE392, previously infected with 1 x 10^6 pfu of the human genomic library, was plated onto 10 petri dishes 15 cm in diameter to allow plaque formation. The phage DNA was transferred to a nylon membrane (Hybond-N^+, Amersham) and denatured with sodium hydroxide, after which it was fixed by ultraviolet irradiation. The rat cDNA probe was labeled using a DNA labeling kit (Ready To Go, Pharmacia), and hybridized with the membrane in the Rapid-hyb buffer (Amersham). After incubation at 65°C for 2 hours, the nylon membrane was washed with 0.2 x SSC-0.1% SDS, and a positive clone was detected on an imaging plate (Fuji Photo Film). Since the clone isolated contained only exons 1 through 24, 1.5 x 10^6 clones of the same library was screened again using the human cDNA probe in the same manner, resulting in isolation of one clone. This clone was found to contain exons 16 through 26, with an overlap with the 3' region of the above-mentioned clone. The entire region of the ORP150 gene was thus cloned by combining these two clones.

These two clones were cleaved with BamHI and subcloned into pBluescript IISK (Stratagene), followed by nucleotide sequence determination of the entire 15851 bp human ORP150 genomic DNA. The nucleotide sequence from the 5' end to just before the translation initiation codon ATG in exon 2 is shown by SEQ ID NO:12 in the sequence listing.

Furthermore, the nucleotide sequence of the 15851 bp human ORP150 genomic DNA was compared with that of the human ORP150 cDNA shown by SEQ ID NO:2 in the sequence listing, resulting in the demonstration of the presence of the exons at the positions shown below. A schematic diagram of the positions of the exons is shown in Figure 1.

		(Base position in SEQ ID:2)
Exon 1	1908 - 2002	(1 - 95)
Exon 2	2855 - 2952	(96 - 193)
Exon 3	3179 - 3272	(194 - 287)
Exon 4	3451 - 3529	(288 - 366)
Exon 5	3683 - 3837	(367 - 521)
Exon 6	3962 - 4038	(522 - 598)
Exon 7	4347 - 4528	(599 - 780)
Exon 8	4786 - 4901	(781 - 896)
Exon 9	6193 - 6385	(897 - 1089)
Exon 10	6593 - 6727	(1090 - 1224)
Exon 11	6850 - 6932	(1225 - 1307)
Exon 12	7071 - 7203	(1308 - 1440)
Exon 13	7397 - 7584	(1441 - 1628)
Exon 14	7849 - 7987	(1629 - 1767)
Exon 15	9176 - 9236	(1768 - 1828)
Exon 16	9378 - 9457	(1829 - 1908)
Exon 17	9810 - 9995	(1909 - 2094)
Exon 18	10127 -10299	(2095 - 2267)
Exon 19	10450 -10537	(2268 - 2355)
Exon 20	10643 -10765	(2356 - 2478)
Exon 21	10933 -11066	(2479 - 2612)
Exon 22	11195 -11279	(2613 - 2697)
Exon 23	12211 -12451	(2698 - 2938)
Exon 24	12546 -12596	(2939 - 2989)
Exon 25	13181 -13231	(2990 - 3040)
Exon 26	13358 -14823	(3041 - 4503)

Example 8

Northern blot analysis

A 4.5-kb EcoRI fragment of human ORP150 cDNA was labeled with [α-^{32}P]dCTP(3,000 Ci/mmol; Amersham Corp., Arlington Heights, IL) by using a DNA labeling kit (Pharmacia), and used as a hybridization probe. 20μg of total RNA prepared from U373 cells exposed to various stresses were electrophoresed and transferred onto a Hybond N$^+$ membrane (Amersham Corp.). Multiple Tissue Northern Blots, in which each lane contained 2μg of poly(A)RNA from the adult human tissues indicated, was purchased from Clontech. The filter was hybridized at 65°C in the Rapid-hyb buffer (Amersham Corp.) with human ORP150, GRP78, HSP70, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (G3PDH), and β-actin cDNAs each labeled with [α^{32}-P] dCTP, washed with 0.1 x SSC containing 0.1% SDS at 65°C, and followed by autoradiography.

As shown in Figure 2, the ORP150 mRNA level was highly enhanced upon 24 - 48 hours of exposure to hypoxia. In parallel experiments, treatment with 2-deoxyglucose (25 mM, 24 hours) or tunicamycin (5μg/ml, 24 hours) enhanced

ORP150 mRNA to the levels comparable to that induced by hypoxia. The induction levels were also comparable with those observed for mRNA of a typical glucose-regulated protein GRP78. Heat shock treatment failed to enhance ORP150 mRNA appreciably.

ORP150 mRNA was found to be highly expressed in the liver and pancreas, whereas little expression was observed in kidney and brain (Figure 3). Furthermore, the tissue specificity of ORP150 expression was quite similar to that of GRP78. The higher expression observed in the tissues that contain well-developed ER and synthesize large amounts of secretory proteins is consistent with the finding that ORP150 is localized in the ER (Kuwabara, K., Matsumoto, M., Ikeda, J., Hori, O., Ogawa, S., Maeda, Y., Kitagawa, K., Imuta, N., Kinoshita, T., Stern, D.M., Yanagi, H., and Kamada, T., J. Biol. Chem. 271, 5025-5032(1996)).

In conclusion, both the characteristic primary protein structure and the similarity found with GRP78 in stress inducibility and tissue specificity suggest that ORP150 plays an important role in protein folding and secretion in the ER, perhaps as a molecular chaperone, in concert with other GRPs to cope with environmental stress.

Those skilled in the art will recognize, or be able to ascertain using no more than routine experimentation, many equivalents to the specific embodiments of the present invention described specifically herein. Such equivalents are intended to be encompassed in the scope of the following claims.

SEQUENCE LISTING

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION:
(iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 12

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:

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(A) LENGTH: 999 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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Asn Lys Arg Val Leu Phe Ser Arg Met Gly Pro Tyr Pro Gln Arg Lys
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Val Ile Thr Phe Asn Arg Tyr Ser His Asp Phe Asn Phe His Ile Asn
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Tyr Gly Asp Leu Gly Phe Leu Gly Pro Glu Asp Leu Arg Val Phe Gly
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Lys Leu Tyr Gln Pro Glu Tyr Gln Glu Val Ser Thr Glu Glu Gln Arg
        755                 760                 765
Glu Glu Ile Ser Gly Lys Leu Ser Ala Thr Ser Thr Trp Leu Glu Asp
    770                 775                 780
Glu Gly Phe Gly Ala Thr Thr Val Met Leu Lys Asp Lys Leu Ala Glu
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                805                 810                 815
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Thr Glu Lys Pro Val Leu Leu Ser Lys Asp Ile Glu Ala Lys Met Met
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Lys Pro Arg Pro Arg Pro Lys Asp Lys Asn Gly Thr Arg Thr Glu Pro
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    930                 935                 940
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Gly Leu Gly Thr Glu Ala Ala Asp Ser Glu Pro Leu Glu Leu Gly Gly
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Pro Leu Lys Asn Asp Glu Leu
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 3252 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) IDENTIFICATION METHOD: E

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

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ACTCTGTTGG GCCTTGGTGG CTGTCCTCTT GGCAGACCTG TTGGCACTGA GTGACACACT 300

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 31 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid, synthetic nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 7 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid, synthetic nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 13 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid, synthetic nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: other nucleic acid, synthetic nucleic acid

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 2861 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: genomic DNA

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 1:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 999 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 1:

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Ile Val Lys Pro Gly Val Pro Met Glu Ile Val Leu Asn Lys Glu Ser
    50                  55                  60

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            180                 185                 190

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Thr Ala Leu Ser Tyr Gly Val Phe Arg Arg Lys Asp Ile Asn Thr Thr
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Pro Gln Leu Gln Ile Arg Gly Val Gly Phe Asp Arg Thr Leu Gly Gly
            260                 265                 270

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Asn Lys Arg Val Leu Phe Ser Arg Met Gly Pro Tyr Pro Gln Arg Lys
465                 470                 475                 480

Val Ile Thr Phe Asn Arg Tyr Ser His Asp Phe Asn Phe His Ile Asn
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            500                 505                 510

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545                 550                 555                 560

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 4503 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION:103..3099

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 2:

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  5                  10                  15                  20

GTG CTC TTG GCA GAC CTG TTG GCA CTG AGT GAT ACA CTG GCA GTG ATG          210
Val Leu Leu Ala Asp Leu Leu Ala Leu Ser Asp Thr Leu Ala Val Met
                 25                  30                  35

TCT GTG GAC CTG GGC AGT GAG TCC ATG AAG GTG GCC ATT GTC AAA CCT          258
Ser Val Asp Leu Gly Ser Glu Ser Met Lys Val Ala Ile Val Lys Pro
             40                  45                  50

GGA GTG CCC ATG GAA ATT GTC TTG AAT AAG GAA TCT CGG AGG AAA ACA          306
Gly Val Pro Met Glu Ile Val Leu Asn Lys Glu Ser Arg Arg Lys Thr
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CCG GTG ATC GTG ACC CTG AAA GAA AAT GAA AGA TTC TTT GGA GAC AGT          354
Pro Val Ile Val Thr Leu Lys Glu Asn Glu Arg Phe Phe Gly Asp Ser
     70                  75                  80

GCA GCA AGC ATG GCG ATT AAG AAT CCA AAG GCT ACG CTA CGT TAC TTC          402
Ala Ala Ser Met Ala Ile Lys Asn Pro Lys Ala Thr Leu Arg Tyr Phe
 85                  90                  95                  100

CAG CAC CTC CTG GGG AAG CAG GCA GAT AAC CCC CAT GTA GCT CTT TAC          450
Gln His Leu Leu Gly Lys Gln Ala Asp Asn Pro His Val Ala Leu Tyr
                105                 110                 115

CAG GCC CGC TTC CCG GAG CAC GAG CTG ACT TTC GAC CCA CAG AGG CAG          498
Gln Ala Arg Phe Pro Glu His Glu Leu Thr Phe Asp Pro Gln Arg Gln
            120                 125                 130

ACT GTG CAC TTT CAG ATC AGC TCG CAG CTG CAG TTC TCA CCT GAG GAA          546
Thr Val His Phe Gln Ile Ser Ser Gln Leu Gln Phe Ser Pro Glu Glu
        135                 140                 145

GTG TTG GGC ATG GTT CTC AAT TAT TCT CGT TCT CTA GCT GAA GAT TTT          594
Val Leu Gly Met Val Leu Asn Tyr Ser Arg Ser Leu Ala Glu Asp Phe
    150                 155                 160

GCA GAG CAG CCC ATC AAG GAT GCA GTG ATC ACC GTG CCA GTC TTC TTC          642
Ala Glu Gln Pro Ile Lys Asp Ala Val Ile Thr Val Pro Val Phe Phe
165                 170                 175                 180
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AAC CAG GCC GAG CGC CGA GCT GTG CTG CAG GCT GCT CGT ATG GCT GGC        690
Asn Gln Ala Glu Arg Arg Ala Val Leu Gln Ala Ala Arg Met Ala Gly
                185                 190                 195

CTC AAA GTG CTG CAG CTC ATC AAT GAC AAC ACC GCC ACT GCC CTC AGC        738
Leu Lys Val Leu Gln Leu Ile Asn Asp Asn Thr Ala Thr Ala Leu Ser
            200                 205                 210

TAT GGT GTC TTC CGC CGG AAA GAT ATT AAC ACC ACT GCC CAG AAT ATC        786
Tyr Gly Val Phe Arg Arg Lys Asp Ile Asn Thr Thr Ala Gln Asn Ile
        215                 220                 225

ATG TTC TAT GAC ATG GGC TCA GGC AGC ACC GTA TGC ACC ATT GTG ACC        834
Met Phe Tyr Asp Met Gly Ser Gly Ser Thr Val Cys Thr Ile Val Thr
    230                 235                 240

TAC CAG ATG GTG AAG ACT AAG GAA GCT GGG ATG CAG CCA CAG CTG CAG        882
Tyr Gln Met Val Lys Thr Lys Glu Ala Gly Met Gln Pro Gln Leu Gln
245                 250                 255                 260

ATC CGG GGA GTA GGA TTT GAC CGT ACC CTG GGG GGC CTG GAG ATG GAG        930
Ile Arg Gly Val Gly Phe Asp Arg Thr Leu Gly Gly Leu Glu Met Glu
                265                 270                 275

CTC CGG CTT CGA GAA CGC CTG GCT GGG CTT TTC AAT GAG CAG CGC AAG        978
Leu Arg Leu Arg Glu Arg Leu Ala Gly Leu Phe Asn Glu Gln Arg Lys
            280                 285                 290

GGT CAG AGA GCA AAG GAT GTG CGG GAG AAC CCG CGT GCC ATG GCC AAG       1026
Gly Gln Arg Ala Lys Asp Val Arg Glu Asn Pro Arg Ala Met Ala Lys
        295                 300                 305

CTG CTG CGT GAG GCT AAT CGG CTC AAA ACC GTC CTC AGT GCC AAC GCT       1074
Leu Leu Arg Glu Ala Asn Arg Leu Lys Thr Val Leu Ser Ala Asn Ala
    310                 315                 320

GAC CAC ATG GCA CAG ATT GAA GGC CTG ATG GAT GAT GTG GAC TTC AAG       1122
Asp His Met Ala Gln Ile Glu Gly Leu Met Asp Asp Val Asp Phe Lys
325                 330                 335                 340

GCA AAA GTG ACT CGT GTG GAA TTT GAG GAG TTG TGT GCA GAC TTG TTT       1170
Ala Lys Val Thr Arg Val Glu Phe Glu Glu Leu Cys Ala Asp Leu Phe
                345                 350                 355

GAG CGG GTG CCT GGG CCT GTA CAG CAG GCC CTC CAG AGT GCC GAA ATG       1218
Glu Arg Val Pro Gly Pro Val Gln Gln Ala Leu Gln Ser Ala Glu Met
            360                 365                 370

AGT CTG GAT GAG ATT GAG CAG GTG ATC CTG GTG GGT GGG GCC ACT CGG       1266
Ser Leu Asp Glu Ile Glu Gln Val Ile Leu Val Gly Gly Ala Thr Arg
        375                 380                 385

GTC CCC AGA GTT CAG GAG GTG CTG CTG AAG GCC GTG GGC AAG GAG GAG       1314
Val Pro Arg Val Gln Glu Val Leu Leu Lys Ala Val Gly Lys Glu Glu
    390                 395                 400

CTG GGG AAG AAC ATC AAT GCA GAT GAA GCA GCC GCC ATG GGG GCA GTG       1362
Leu Gly Lys Asn Ile Asn Ala Asp Glu Ala Ala Ala Met Gly Ala Val
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Tyr Gln Ala Ala Ala Leu Ser Lys Ala Phe Lys Val Lys Pro Phe Val
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GTC CGA GAT GCA GTG GTC TAC CCC ATC CTG GTG GAG TTC ACG AGG GAG      1458
Val Arg Asp Ala Val Val Tyr Pro Ile Leu Val Glu Phe Thr Arg Glu
            440                 445                 450

GTG GAG GAG GAG CCT GGG ATT CAC AGC CTG AAG CAC AAT AAA CGG GTA      1506
Val Glu Glu Glu Pro Gly Ile His Ser Leu Lys His Asn Lys Arg Val
        455                 460                 465

CTC TTC TCT CGG ATG GGG CCC TAC CCT CAA CGC AAA GTC ATC ACC TTT      1554
Leu Phe Ser Arg Met Gly Pro Tyr Pro Gln Arg Lys Val Ile Thr Phe
    470                 475                 480

AAC CGC TAC AGC CAT GAT TTC AAC TTC CAC ATC AAC TAC GGC GAC CTG      1602
Asn Arg Tyr Ser His Asp Phe Asn Phe His Ile Asn Tyr Gly Asp Leu
485                 490                 495                 500

GGC TTC CTG GGG CCT GAA GAT CTT CGG GTA TTT GGC TCC CAG AAT CTG      1650
Gly Phe Leu Gly Pro Glu Asp Leu Arg Val Phe Gly Ser Gln Asn Leu
                505                 510                 515

ACC ACA GTG AAG CTA AAA GGG GTG GGT GAC AGC TTC AAG AAG TAT CCT      1698
Thr Thr Val Lys Leu Lys Gly Val Gly Asp Ser Phe Lys Lys Tyr Pro
            520                 525                 530

GAC TAC GAG TCC AAG GGC ATC AAG GCT CAC TTC AAC CTG GAT GAG AGT      1746
Asp Tyr Glu Ser Lys Gly Ile Lys Ala His Phe Asn Leu Asp Glu Ser
        535                 540                 545

GGC GTG CTC AGT CTA GAC AGG GTG GAG TCT GTA TTT GAG ACA CTG GTA      1794
Gly Val Leu Ser Leu Asp Arg Val Glu Ser Val Phe Glu Thr Leu Val
    550                 555                 560

GAG GAC AGC GCA GAA GAG GAA TCT ACT CTC ACC AAA CTT GGC AAC ACC      1842
Glu Asp Ser Ala Glu Glu Glu Ser Thr Leu Thr Lys Leu Gly Asn Thr
565                 570                 575                 580

ATT TCC AGC CTG TTT GGA GGC GGT ACC ACA CCA GAT GCC AAG GAG AAT      1890
Ile Ser Ser Leu Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Thr Pro Asp Ala Lys Glu Asn
                585                 590                 595

GGT ACT GAT ACT GTC CAG GAG GAA GAG GAG AGC CCT GCA GAG GGG AGC      1938
Gly Thr Asp Thr Val Gln Glu Glu Glu Glu Ser Pro Ala Glu Gly Ser
            600                 605                 610

AAG GAC GAG CCT GGG GAG CAG GTG GAG CTC AAG GAG GAA GCT GAG GCC      1986
Lys Asp Glu Pro Gly Glu Gln Val Glu Leu Lys Glu Glu Ala Glu Ala
        615                 620                 625

CCA GTG GAG GAT GGC TCT CAG CCC CCA CCC CCT GAA CCT AAG GGA GAT      2034
Pro Val Glu Asp Gly Ser Gln Pro Pro Pro Pro Glu Pro Lys Gly Asp
    630                 635                 640

GCA ACC CCT GAG GGA GAA AAG GCC ACA GAA AAA GAA AAT GGG GAC AAG      2082
Ala Thr Pro Glu Gly Glu Lys Ala Thr Glu Lys Glu Asn Gly Asp Lys
645                 650                 655                 660
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TCT GAG GCC CAG AAA CCA AGT GAG AAG GCA GAG GCA GGG CCT GAG GGC      2130
Ser Glu Ala Gln Lys Pro Ser Glu Lys Ala Glu Ala Gly Pro Glu Gly
                665                 670                 675

GTC GCT CCA GCC CCA GAG GGA GAG AAG AAG CAG AAG CCC GCC AGG AAG      2178
Val Ala Pro Ala Pro Glu Gly Glu Lys Lys Gln Lys Pro Ala Arg Lys
            680                 685                 690

CGG CGA ATG GTA GAG GAG ATC GGG GTG GAG CTG GTT GTT CTG GAC CTG      2226
Arg Arg Met Val Glu Glu Ile Gly Val Glu Leu Val Val Leu Asp Leu
        695                 700                 705

CCT GAC TTG CCA GAG GAT AAG CTG GCT CAG TCG GTG CAG AAA CTT CAG      2274
Pro Asp Leu Pro Glu Asp Lys Leu Ala Gln Ser Val Gln Lys Leu Gln
    710                 715                 720

GAC TTG ACA CTC CGA GAC CTG GAG AAG CAG GAA CGG GAA AAA GCT GCC      2322
Asp Leu Thr Leu Arg Asp Leu Glu Lys Gln Glu Arg Glu Lys Ala Ala
725                 730                 735                 740

AAC AGC TTG GAA GCG TTC ATA TTT GAG ACC CAG GAC AAG CTG TAC CAG      2370
Asn Ser Leu Glu Ala Phe Ile Phe Glu Thr Gln Asp Lys Leu Tyr Gln
                745                 750                 755

CCC GAG TAC CAG GAA GTG TCC ACA GAG GAG CAG CGT GAG GAG ATC TCT      2418
Pro Glu Tyr Gln Glu Val Ser Thr Glu Glu Gln Arg Glu Glu Ile Ser
            760                 765                 770

GGG AAG CTC AGC GCC GCA TCC ACC TGG CTG GAG GAT GAG GGT GTT GGA      2466
Gly Lys Leu Ser Ala Ala Ser Thr Trp Leu Glu Asp Glu Gly Val Gly
        775                 780                 785

GCC ACC ACA GTG ATG TTG AAG GAG AAG CTG GCT GAG CTG AGG AAG CTG      2514
Ala Thr Thr Val Met Leu Lys Glu Lys Leu Ala Glu Leu Arg Lys Leu
    790                 795                 800

TGC CAA GGG CTG TTT TTT CGG GTA GAG GAG CGC AAG AAG TGG CCC GAA      2562
Cys Gln Gly Leu Phe Phe Arg Val Glu Glu Arg Lys Lys Trp Pro Glu
805                 810                 815                 820

CGG CTG TCT GCC CTC GAT AAT CTC CTC AAC CAT TCC AGC ATG TTC CTC      2610
Arg Leu Ser Ala Leu Asp Asn Leu Leu Asn His Ser Ser Met Phe Leu
                825                 830                 835

AAG GGG GCC CGG CTC ATC CCA GAG ATG GAC CAG ATC TTC ACT GAG GTG      2658
Lys Gly Ala Arg Leu Ile Pro Glu Met Asp Gln Ile Phe Thr Glu Val
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GAG ATG ACA ACG TTA GAG AAA GTC ATC AAT GAG ACC TGG GCC TGG AAG      2706
Glu Met Thr Thr Leu Glu Lys Val Ile Asn Glu Thr Trp Ala Trp Lys
        855                 860                 865

AAT GCA ACT CTG GCC GAG CAG GCT AAG CTG CCC GCC ACA GAG AAG CCT      2754
Asn Ala Thr Leu Ala Glu Gln Ala Lys Leu Pro Ala Thr Glu Lys Pro
    870                 875                 880

GTG TTG CTC TCA AAA GAC ATT GAA GCT AAG ATG ATG GCC CTG GAC CGA      2802
Val Leu Leu Ser Lys Asp Ile Glu Ala Lys Met Met Ala Leu Asp Arg
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CGG CCT AAG GAC AAG AAT GGG ACC CGG GCA GAG CCA CCC CTC AAT GCC      2898
Arg Pro Lys Asp Lys Asn Gly Thr Arg Ala Glu Pro Pro Leu Asn Ala
            920                 925                 930

AGT GCC AGT GAC CAG GGG GAG AAG GTC ATC CCT CCA GCA GGC CAG ACT      2946
Ser Ala Ser Asp Gln Gly Glu Lys Val Ile Pro Pro Ala Gly Gln Thr
        935                 940                 945

GAA GAT GCA GAG CCC ATT TCA GAA CCT GAG AAA GTA GAG ACT GGA TCC      2994
Glu Asp Ala Glu Pro Ile Ser Glu Pro Glu Lys Val Glu Thr Gly Ser
    950                 955                 960

GAG CCA GGA GAC ACT GAG CCT TTG GAG TTA GGA GGT CCT GGA GCA GAA      3042
Glu Pro Gly Asp Thr Glu Pro Leu Glu Leu Gly Gly Pro Gly Ala Glu
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CCT GAA CAG AAA GAA CAA TCG ACA GGA CAG AAG CGG CCT TTG AAG AAC      3090
Pro Glu Gln Lys Glu Gln Ser Thr Gly Gln Lys Arg Pro Leu Lys Asn
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GAC GAA CTA TAACCCCCAC CTCTGTTTTC CCCATTCATC TCCACCCCCT               3139
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GCAGAGATGG GACCTAAGGG TCCCACCCCT CACCCCACCC CCACCTCTTC TGTATGTTTG    4399

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 3:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 999 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 3:

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Ile Val Lys Pro Gly Val Pro Met Glu Ile Val Leu Asn Lys Glu Ser
    50                  55                  60

Arg Arg Lys Thr Pro Val Thr Val Thr Leu Lys Glu Asn Glu Arg Phe
65                  70                  75                  80

Leu Gly Asp Ser Ala Ala Gly Met Ala Ile Lys Asn Pro Lys Ala Thr
                85                  90                  95

Leu Arg Tyr Phe Gln His Leu Leu Gly Lys Gln Ala Asp Asn Pro His
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Val Ala Leu Tyr Arg Ser Arg Phe Pro Glu His Glu Leu Asn Val Asp
        115                 120                 125

Pro Gln Arg Gln Thr Val Arg Phe Gln Ile Ser Pro Gln Leu Gln Phe
    130                 135                 140

Ser Pro Glu Glu Val Leu Gly Met Val Leu Asn Tyr Ser Arg Ser Leu
145                 150                 155                 160

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Ala Gln Asn Ile Met Phe Tyr Asp Met Gly Ser Gly Ser Thr Val Cys
225                 230                 235                 240

Thr Ile Val Thr Tyr Gln Thr Val Lys Thr Lys Glu Ala Gly Thr Gln
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Pro Gln Leu Gln Ile Arg Gly Val Gly Phe Asp Arg Thr Leu Gly Gly
            260                 265                 270

Leu Glu Met Glu Leu Arg Leu Arg Glu His Leu Ala Lys Leu Phe Asn
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Glu Gln Arg Lys Gly Gln Lys Ala Lys Asp Val Arg Glu Asn Pro Arg
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Ser Ala Asn Ala Asp His Met Ala Gln Ile Glu Gly Leu Met Asp Asp
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Val Asp Phe Lys Ala Lys Val Thr Arg Val Glu Phe Glu Glu Leu Cys
            340                 345                 350

Ala Asp Leu Phe Asp Arg Val Pro Gly Pro Val Gln Gln Ala Leu Gln
        355                 360                 365

Ser Ala Glu Met Ser Leu Asp Gln Ile Glu Gln Val Ile Leu Val Gly
    370                 375                 380

Gly Pro Thr Arg Val Pro Lys Val Gln Glu Val Leu Leu Lys Pro Val
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Gly Lys Glu Glu Leu Gly Lys Asn Ile Asn Ala Asp Glu Ala Ala Ala
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Met Gly Ala Val Tyr Gln Ala Ala Ala Leu Ser Lys Ala Phe Lys Val
            420                 425                 430

Lys Pro Phe Val Val Arg Asp Ala Val Ile Tyr Pro Ile Leu Val Glu
        435                 440                 445

Phe Thr Arg Glu Val Glu Glu Glu Pro Gly Leu Arg Ser Leu Lys His
    450                 455                 460

Asn Lys Arg Val Leu Phe Ser Arg Met Gly Pro Tyr Pro Gln Arg Lys
465                 470                 475                 480

Val Ile Thr Phe Asn Arg Tyr Ser His Asp Phe Asn Phe His Ile Asn
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Tyr Gly Asp Leu Gly Phe Leu Gly Pro Glu Asp Leu Arg Val Phe Gly
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Ser Gln Asn Leu Thr Thr Val Lys Leu Lys Gly Val Gly Glu Ser Phe
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545                 550                 555                 560

Glu Thr Leu Val Glu Asp Ser Pro Glu Glu Glu Ser Thr Leu Thr Lys
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Leu Gly Asn Thr Ile Ser Ser Leu Phe Gly Gly Gly Thr Ser Ser Asp
            580                 585                 590

Ala Lys Glu Asn Gly Thr Asp Ala Val Gln Glu Glu Glu Glu Ser Pro
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Ala Glu Gly Ser Lys Asp Glu Pro Ala Glu Gln Gly Glu Leu Lys Glu
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625                 630                 635                 640

Pro Lys Gly Asp Ala Ala Arg Glu Gly Glu Thr Pro Asp Glu Lys Glu
                645                 650                 655

Ser Gly Asp Lys Ser Glu Ala Gln Lys Pro Asn Glu Lys Gly Gln Ala
            660                 665                 670

Gly Pro Glu Gly Val Pro Pro Ala Pro Glu Glu Glu Lys Lys Gln Lys
        675                 680                 685

Pro Ala Arg Lys Gln Lys Met Val Glu Glu Ile Gly Val Glu Leu Ala
    690                 695                 700

Val Leu Asp Leu Pro Asp Leu Pro Glu Asp Glu Leu Ala His Ser Val
705                 710                 715                 720

Gln Lys Leu Glu Asp Leu Thr Leu Arg Asp Leu Glu Lys Gln Glu Arg
                725                 730                 735

Glu Lys Ala Ala Asn Ser Leu Glu Ala Phe Ile Phe Glu Thr Gln Asp
            740                 745                 750

Lys Leu Tyr Gln Pro Glu Tyr Gln Glu Val Ser Thr Glu Glu Gln Arg
        755                 760                 765

Glu Glu Ile Ser Gly Lys Leu Ser Ala Thr Ser Thr Trp Leu Glu Asp
    770                 775                 780

Glu Gly Phe Gly Ala Thr Thr Val Met Leu Lys Asp Lys Leu Ala Glu
785                 790                 795                 800

Leu Arg Lys Leu Cys Gln Gly Leu Phe Phe Arg Val Glu Glu Arg Arg
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Lys Trp Pro Glu Arg Leu Ser Ala Leu Asp Asn Leu Leu Asn His Ser
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Lys Pro Arg Pro Arg Pro Lys Asp Lys Asn Gly Thr Arg Thr Glu Pro
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Thr Gly Gln Thr Glu Glu Ala Lys Ala Ile Leu Glu Pro Asp Lys Glu
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 3252 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:
(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION:203..3199

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                    15                  20                  25

TTG GCA CTG AGT GAC ACA CTG GCT GTG ATG TCT GTG GAC CTG GGC AGT      328
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Glu Ser Met Lys Val Ala Ile Val Lys Pro Gly Val Pro Met Glu Ile
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Val Leu Asn Lys Glu Ser Arg Arg Lys Thr Pro Val Thr Val Thr Leu
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                95                  100                 105

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Gln Ala Asp Asn Pro His Val Ala Leu Tyr Arg Ser Arg Phe Pro Glu
            110                 115                 120

CAT GAG CTC AAT GTT GAC CCA CAG AGG CAG ACT GTG CGC TTC CAG ATC      616
His Glu Leu Asn Val Asp Pro Gln Arg Gln Thr Val Arg Phe Gln Ile
        125                 130                 135

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AAC TAC TCC CGT TCC CTG GCT GAA GAT TTT GCA GAA CAA CCT ATT AAG      712
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Ala Val Leu Gln Ala Ala Arg Met Ala Gly Leu Lys Val Leu Gln Leu
            190                 195                 200

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Ile Asn Asp Asn Thr Ala Thr Ala Leu Ser Tyr Gly Val Phe Arg Arg
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AAA GAT ATC AAT TCC ACT GCA CAG AAT ATC ATG TTC TAT GAC ATG GGC      904
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AAG GAG GCT GGG ACG CAG CCA CAG CTA CAG ATC CGG GGC GTG GGA TTT      1000
Lys Glu Ala Gly Thr Gln Pro Gln Leu Gln Ile Arg Gly Val Gly Phe
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CTG GCT AAG CTC TTC AAT GAG CAG CGC AAG GGC CAG AAA GCC AAG GAT      1096
Leu Ala Lys Leu Phe Asn Glu Gln Arg Lys Gly Gln Lys Ala Lys Asp
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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 5:

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Claims

1. A polynucleotide encoding an ORP150 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

   (a) polynucleotides encoding the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence as depicted in SEQ ID NO:1 or a fragment of the polypeptide;
   (b) polynucleotides comprising the coding region of the nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment thereof;
   (c) polynucleotides encoding the polypeptide having the amino acid sequence as depicted in SEQ ID NO:3 or a fragment of the polypeptide;
   (d) polynucleotides comprising the coding region of the nucleotide sequence as depicted in SEQ ID NO:4 or a fragment thereof;
   (e) polynucleotides encoding an ORP150 polypeptide which differs from the polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide of (a) or (c) due to deletion(s), addition(s), insertion(s) and/or substitutions(s) of one or more amino acid residues; and
   (f) polynucleotides the complementary strand of which hybridizes to a polynucleotide of any one of (a) to (e) and which encode an ORP150 polypeptide;

   and the complementary strand of such a polynucleotide.

2. The polynucleotide of claim 1 which is DNA.

3. The polynucleotide of claim 2 which is genomic DNA.

4. The polynucleotide of claim 1 which is RNA.

5. A vector comprising the polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 4.

6. The vector of claim 5, in which the polynucleotide is operatively linked to regulatory elements which allow for expression in prokaryotic or eukaryotic host cells.

7. A host cell transformed and genetically engineered with a polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 4 or with a vector of claim 5 or 6.

8. A process for the preparation of an ORP150 polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 7 and recovering the polypeptide from the cells and/or the culture medium.

9. A polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 4 or obtainable by the process of claim 8.

10. An antibody or fragment thereof which specifically recognizes the polypeptide of claim 9.

11. A nucleic acid molecule which specifically hybridizes to a polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 4.

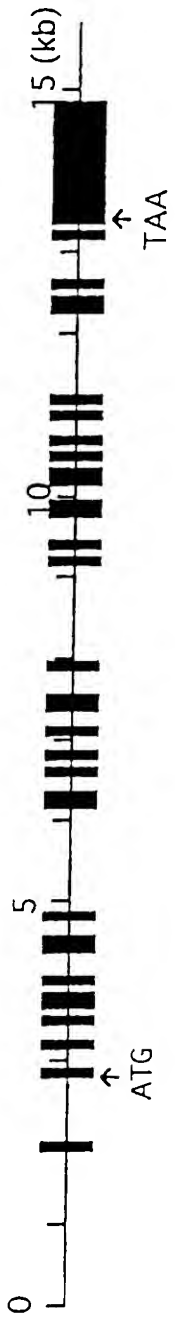
12. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 4, the polypeptide of claim 9, the antibody of claim 10 and/or the nucleic acid molecule of claim 11 and optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. A diagnostic composition comprising a polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 4, the polypeptide of claim 9, the antibody of claim 10 and/or the nucleic acid molecule of claim 11.

14. Use of the polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 4, the polypeptide of claim 9, the antibody of claim 10 or the nucleic acid molecule of claim 11 for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of ischemic diseases.

15. A nucleic acid molecule having promoter activity and being able to promote transcription in cells when exposed to hypoxia selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polynucleotides comprising the nucleotide sequence as depicted in SEQ ID NO:12 or a fragment thereof; and
(b) polynucleotides hybridizing with the polynucleotide of (a).



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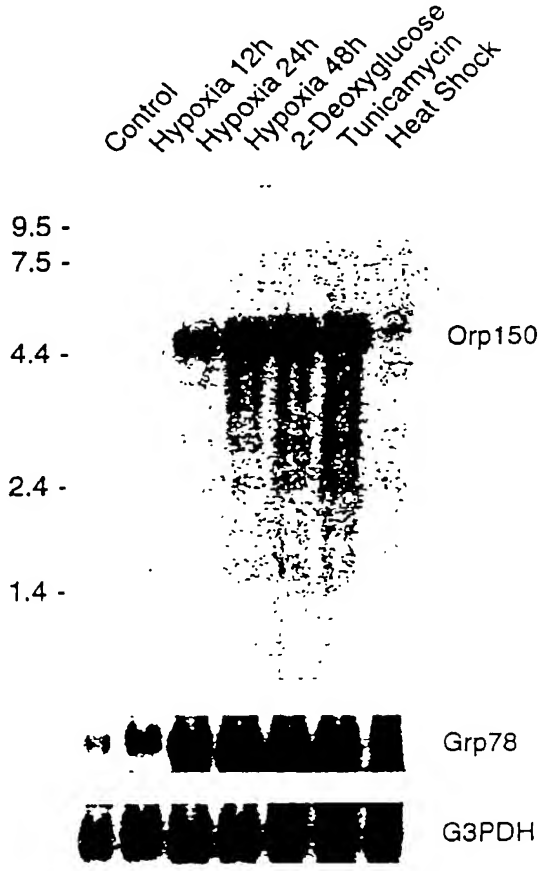
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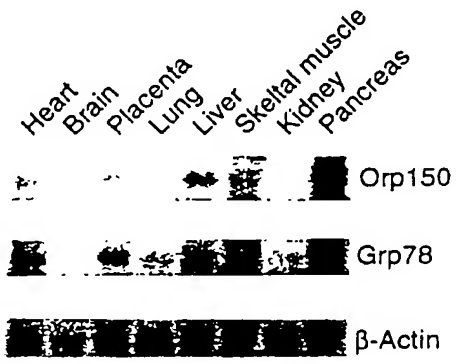
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FIGURE 3